

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3825
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DOORDARSHAN TOWER AT DIBRUGARH
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the recently created NE Zonal office of Doordarshan including cadre control powers vested to Chief Engineers office ;
- (b) whether a plan for raising the height of Doordarshan Tower, Dibrugarh to ensure appropriate coverage of Upper Assam area was taken-up during Ninth Plan; and
- (c) if so, implementation status thereof indicating year-wise allocation and progress made and target of completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) NE Zonal office of AIR & DD became operational in August 2003 after bifurcation of East Zone. Subordinate Engineering Staff of erstwhile East Zone has been bifurcated between East and NE Zone, and cadre control of subordinate Engg. Staff in NE Zone vests with the NE Zonal office.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Scheme for extension of height of DD tower at Dibrugarh was sanctioned during the Ninth Plan period.
- (c) The work for enhancement of height of RCC-cum-steel tower at Dibrugarh had been tendered with wide publicity, but no response was received. The feasibility of increasing the tower height in all steel frame was later examined in consultation with IIT, Chennai, which has confirmed the alternative proposal. Pre-qualification of agencies has been completed. Financial bids are to be invited from the pre-qualified agencies. It would take about two years to complete the work after it is awarded